

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Alex Karmel  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Adronie Alford

### Councillors:

Michael Adam	Lucy Gugen	Harry Phibbs
Colin Aherne	Steve Hamilton	Sally Powell
Nicholas Botterill	Wesley Harcourt	Alexandra Robson
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Lisa Homan	Minnie Scott Russell
Jean Campbell	Lucy Ivimy	Greg Smith
Michael Cartwright	Andrew Johnson	Frances Stainton
Alex Chalk	Donald Johnson	Peter Tobias
Stephen Cowan	Jane Law	Mercy Umeh
Oliver Craig	Ali de Lisle	Rory Vaughan
Belinda Donovan	Mark Loveday	Eugenie White
Gavin Donovan	Reg McLaughlin	
Sarah Gore	Ed Owen	

### 28. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 October 2009 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

### 29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Bristow, Gill Dickenson, Caroline Ffiske, Rachel Ford, Stephen Greenhalgh, Lisa Nandy and Robert Iggulden.

### 30. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated and tabled at the meeting. (Copy attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes).

### **31. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Owen declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.2 (Licensing Act 2003: Fulham Town Centre – Adoption of a Special Licensing Policy) as a consultant to the British Beer and Pub Association.

The following Councillors declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.4 (Special Motion 4 – Freedom Pass), as follows:-

- Councillors Aherne, Alford, Campbell, Cartwright and Stainton declared that they are in receipt of a Freedom Pass;
- Councillors Umeh and White declared that their husbands are in receipt of a Freedom Pass;
- Councillors Chalk and Karmel declared that their mothers are in receipt of a Freedom Pass;
- Councillor Vaughan declared that his mother-in-law and father-in-law are in receipt of a Freedom Pass;
- Councillor McLaughlin declared that he is in receipt of a Disability Pass;
- Councillor Powell declared that her husband is in receipt of a Disability Pass.

### **32. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

7.06pm – The Mayor called on those members of the public who had submitted questions to the Leader to ask their questions. The Leader or the relevant Cabinet Member responded.

Question No. 1 – Mr Rob Easthope to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Nicholas Botterill);

Question No. 2 – Mr Jon Burden to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Nicholas Botterill);

Question No. 3 – Mr John Grigg to the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lucy Ivimy).

[Copies of all public questions submitted and the reply given are attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes.]

### **33. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **33.1 Council Tax Base and Collection Rate 2010/11**

7.25 pm - The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	24
AGAINST	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.25 pm - **RESOLVED:**

That for the 2010-2011 financial year:

- (i) That the estimated numbers of properties for each Valuation Band as set out in this report be approved;
- (ii) That an estimated Collection rate of 97.5% be approved;
- (iii) That the Council Tax Base of 79,052 Band "D" equivalent properties be approved.

**33.2 Licensing Act 2003 : Fulham Town Centre - Adoption of a Special Licensing Policy**

7.26 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.26 pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Special Licensing Policy and Area for the Fulham Town Centre, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be agreed and incorporated into the Council's current Licensing Policy.

**33.3 Amendment to Member Involvement in the Council's Appointments and Dismissals Panels**

7.27 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report was made by Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

FOR	23
AGAINST	11

ABSTENTIONS 0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.32 pm - **RESOLVED:**

1. To approve the delegation of appointments and dismissals of all staff below Chief Officer level to the Head of Paid Services or his/her nominee.
2. To amend the Council's Constitution as set out in Appendix A of the report.

### **34. SPECIAL MOTIONS**

#### **34.1 Special Motion 1 - Change of Committee Membership**

7.33 pm – Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Nicholas Botterill, the special motion:

"This Council agrees the following appointment under its Constitution for the rest of the Municipal Year 2009/10, effective from the day after the Council meeting:

Councillor Oliver Craig be appointed a member of the Audit Committee".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.33 pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the following appointment under its Constitution for the rest of the Municipal Year 2009/10, effective from the day after the Council meeting:-

Councillor Oliver Craig be appointed a member of the Audit Committee.

#### **34.2 Special Motion 2 - Crime**

7.34 pm – Councillor Greg Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver Craig, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council notes:

- a. The poor legacy of the previous administration in making inadequate provision for fighting crime;
- b. The firm action taken by this administration on crime in our Town Centres, including the ground breaking 24/7 police teams in Fulham Broadway and Shepherds Bush Green, enhanced police teams in Hammersmith

Broadway and a zero tolerance approach to drugs and violence on our estates.

This Council welcomes:

- a. The much improved security in the borough (and in particular the main Town Centres) under this Conservative administration;
- b. The overall reduction in crime from 25,861 crimes in 2005/06 to 22,858 crimes in 2009/09; with a real terms reduction in crime projected for 2009/10;
- c. The contribution of crime fighting measures by the Council to delivery of the 2006 Conservative election promise of "Lower Taxes, Less Waste and Better Services."

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Greg Smith and Oliver Craig (for the Administration).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e) (vi), Councillor Lisa Homan, seconded by Councillor Ed Owen, moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

Delete all after "This council notes" and replace with:

"the failure of this Administration to deliver on the motion brought before this Council by Councillor Greg Smith on the 31 January 2007 anticipating annual reductions in overall crime of 10 per cent in the wards trialling so-called 24/7 policing; points out that overall crime in these wards has often risen in the subsequent period, and that the performance across the borough lags behind that of the previous Labour Administration and of London as a whole.

We therefore call for a comprehensive review of the causes of this Administration's failure and for investment funding to be made immediately available by LBHF for the Police to provide the five wards with the highest crime rates 24/7 Police Task Squad cover."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Lisa Homan, Ed Owen, and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Greg Smith and Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	10
AGAINST	23
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillor Belinda Donovan (for the Administration) and Councillors Ed Owen and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition).

Councillor Greg Smith (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	24
AGAINST	11
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.25 pm – **RESOLVED**:

This Council notes:

- a. The poor legacy of the previous administration in making inadequate provision for fighting crime;
- b. The firm action taken by this administration on crime in our Town Centres, including the ground breaking 24/7 police teams in Fulham Broadway and Shepherds Bush Green, enhanced police teams in Hammersmith Broadway and a zero tolerance approach to drugs and violence on our estates.

This Council welcomes:

- a. The much improved security in the borough (and in particular the main Town Centres) under this Conservative administration;
- b. The overall reduction in crime from 25,861 crimes in 2005/06 to 22,858 crimes in 2009/09; with a real terms reduction in crime projected for 2009/10;
- c. The contribution of crime fighting measures by the Council to delivery of the 2006 Conservative election promise of "Lower Taxes, Less Waste and Better Services.

### 34.3 **Special Motion 3 - Street Cleaning**

8.26 pm – Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Greg Smith, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council notes:

- a. The poor legacy of the previous administration which included amongst the dirtiest streets in England and a budget overspend on street cleaning;
- b. The firm action taken by this administration including the re-specification of the entire borough street cleaning contract, market testing of the contract and the adoption of a firm but practical and fair working relationship with the successful contractor Serco.

This Council welcomes:

- a. The much improved cleanliness of the borough's streets (and in particular the main thoroughfares) under this Conservative administration;
- b. The overall reduction in the cost of providing the service;
- c. The contribution of cleaner streets to delivery of the 2006 Conservative election promise of "Lower Taxes, Less Waste and Better Services".

A speech was made on the motion by Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e) (vi), Councillor Michael Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

Delete all after "This council notes" and replace with:

"There has been considerable criticism throughout the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham about the lack of gritting and snow clearance by the local authority responsible, especially on side streets and pavements. In Hammersmith, Shepherds Bush and Fulham there has been, at best, minimal gritting on main roads only. Pavements are particularly treacherous with many residents unsure if they are supposed to clear the path outside their home... we hear the same excuses every year."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Michael Cartwright, Stephen Cowan and Dame Sally Powell (for the Opposition) and Councillor Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	10
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e) (vi), Councillor Michael Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, moved a further amendment to the motion as follows:

Delete all after "This Council notes" and replace with:

"that in 2006, under the leadership of the Labour Administration, the Tidy Britain Group classed Hammersmith and Fulham as having the fourth cleanest streets out of the all of the thirty three London boroughs.

We call on the Administration to bring a halt to the deteriorating situation that has seen intolerable increases in dog fouling, litter and fly-tipping.

This Council also notes the concerns raised by the Environment Agency about the "significant increase" in fly-tipping which cost the borough more than £1 m to clear up and which was an additional unbudgeted cost. Indeed, the Environment Agency reported that "The number of fly-tipping incidents in Hammersmith and Fulham decreased between 2005/06 to 2006/07 from 5941 to 5275. However, there was a



significant increase in the number recorded in 2007/08 - to 9334 incidents" under the current Conservative Administration.

The borough's filthy streets are a direct result of the Conservative Administration's incompetent management of the Serco contract; the incompetent management of the garden waste service; the new charges for bulky waste removal and the failure to have a comprehensive range of policies that tackle dog fouling and littering. We call on the Administration to urgently address these matters."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Michael Cartwright and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Nicholas Botterill and Mark Loveday (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	11
AGAINST	24
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillors Eugenie White, Sarah Gore and Nicholas Botterill (for the Administration).

Councillor Greg Smith (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	23
AGAINST	10
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.08 pm – **RESOLVED**:

This Council notes:

- a. The poor legacy of the previous administration which included amongst the dirtiest streets in England and a budget overspend on street cleaning;
- b. The firm action taken by this administration including the re-specification of the entire borough street cleaning contract, market testing of the contract and the adoption of a firm but practical and fair working relationship with the successful contractor Serco.

This Council welcomes:

- a. The much improved cleanliness of the borough's streets (and in particular the main thoroughfares) under this Conservative administration;
- b. The overall reduction in the cost of providing the service;

- c. The contribution of cleaner streets to delivery of the 2006 Conservative election promise of “Lower Taxes, Less Waste and Better Services”.

#### 34.4 **Special Motion 4 - Freedom Pass**

9.10 pm – Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Frances Stainton, the special motion:

"This Council notes:

- a. Its commitment to the Freedom Pass, which provides free travel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on bus, tube and most rail routes for the borough's over 60 and disabled residents;
- b. The 3-year agreement made with government in April 2008 to part-fund the Freedom Pass;
- c. The decision in July 2009 by Transport Minister Sadiq Khan MP to re-open funding of the Freedom Pass;
- d. The proposals in the consultation paper "*Local Authority special grant funding in 2010/11 for the national bus concession in England*" to renege on the funding agreement so that London will lose £29 million - almost half its agreed funding for 2010-11;
- e. The threat this entails to free travel for thousands of pensioners and disabled residents in Hammersmith & Fulham.

This Council resolves:

- a. To oppose the Department for Transport's re-opening of the 3-year funding deal;
- b. To ask both borough MPs to write to the Prime Minister seeking his intervention to protect funding for the Freedom Pass”.

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Mark Loveday and Frances Stainton (for the Administration).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e) (vi), Councillor Rory Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Colin Aherne, moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

Delete all after “This Council” and add:

“reaffirms its commitment to providing the Freedom Pass for the borough's over 60 and disabled residents. And as this is a key priority for the Council, it confirms that this free travel will continue despite the extra costs imposed on inner London authorities, including Hammersmith and Fulham, by London Councils as a result of their usage rating exercise.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Rory Vaughan and Colin Aherne (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	10
AGAINST	23
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillor Steve Hamilton (for the Administration) and Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition).

Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	23
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	9

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.40 pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes:

- a. Its commitment to the Freedom Pass, which provides free travel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on bus, tube and most rail routes for the borough's over 60 and disabled residents;
- b. The 3-year agreement made with government in April 2008 to part-fund the Freedom Pass;
- c. The decision in July 2009 by Transport Minister Sadiq Khan MP to re-open funding of the Freedom Pass;
- d. The proposals in the consultation paper "*Local Authority special grant funding in 2010/11 for the national bus concession in England*" to renege on the funding agreement so that London will lose £29 million - almost half its agreed funding for 2010-11;
- e. The threat this entails to free travel for thousands of pensioners and disabled residents in Hammersmith & Fulham.

This Council resolves:

- a. To oppose the Department for Transport's re-opening of the 3-year funding deal;
- b. To ask both borough MPs to write to the Prime Minister seeking his intervention to protect funding for the Freedom Pass.

### 34.5 Special Motion 5 - False Statements

9.40 pm – Councillor Michael Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council calls upon Councillor Greenhalgh to stop allowing his Administration to mislead residents and the media on the amount of affordable housing provided by his administration and insist that all information is double checked and is true before being released.

The facts are as follows. Firstly, this Council does not build homes. It has granted planning permissions for housing associations to build homes. In November 2009 the council's Chief Executive wrote to Councillor Stephen Cowan to respond to a query about the figures being quoted.

When responding to a question about this Administration's lack of commitment to affordable rented housing, Mr Alltimes wrote to confirm that of the 870 home "built or are anticipated to be built" none would be built by H&F Homes or the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Indeed, 723 of the 870 affordable rented homes being claimed had been given planning permission by previous Labour administrations between 2001 and March 2006 - with most of those being opposed by the Conservatives at the time. And, out of the remaining 147 homes, 104 of those were forced on this Conservative Administration by Ken Livingston when he was Mayor of London.

The Conservative leader David Cameron has also misled our residents by repeating this false information".

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Michael Cartwright and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillors Lucy Ivimy, Harry Phibbs and Andrew Johnson (for the Administration).

At 9.58pm, under Standing Order 24.3, Councillor Mark Loveday moved that the meeting be extended until 10.03 p.m.

Councillor Michael Cartwright made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	8
AGAINST	23
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

### 35. **INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE (IF ANY)**

There were no information reports to this meeting of the Council.

\* \* \* \* \* CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS \* \* \* \* \*

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 10.03 pm

Mayor .....

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. I would like to congratulate residents of our Borough, who received various honours in the New Years Day Honours list 2010. Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) Clare Tickell, CE of Action for Children charity. Anthony Simonds-Gooding CBE, Chairman of DA&D. Helen Fraser CBE, former MD of Penguin UK. Lady Ruth Rogers MBE and Rose Gray MBE, River Café. Maya Donelan MBE. Antony Beevor MBE, former Chairman of Fairbridge organisation for Disadvantaged Young People. Sergeant Geoffrey Owen Queen's Police Medal, (QPM).
2. On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009, I attended the Hammersmith Rotary Club Meeting, Polish Centre, King Street, W6.
3. On 30<sup>th</sup> October, I attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Rifles Annual Battalion Dinner, Haberdashers Hall, Smithfield, London, EC1A 9HQ
4. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the 'Friends of Parks' Group reception, Mayor's Parlour, HTH.
5. On 4<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I officially opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Mangal restaurant in Fulham, Fulham Broadway, SW6.
6. On 6<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Annual Service of Remembrance, Greater London Authority, City Hall, Queen's Walk, SE1.
7. On 6<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor, I was delighted to attend and countdown H&F Fireworks display, Bishops Park; SW6;
8. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended Top Gear Live, Earls Court & Olympia, SW5.
9. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was delighted to attend and countdown H&F Fireworks display, Ravenscourt Park, W6.
10. On 8<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was honoured to take the salute at the Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Shepherds Bush Green. W12.
11. On 9<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by Cllr Frances Stainton, Cabinet Member for Culture & Heritage, attended the 'Leonardo Da Vinci - Citizen Of Milan' viewing, held at the Italian Cultural Institute 39 Belgrave Square, SW1X.
12. On 11<sup>th</sup> November, I attended Palingswick House Open Day event, Palingswick House, King Street, W6.
13. On 12<sup>th</sup> November, I attended Hestia Housing AGM, Novotel Hammersmith, Shortlands, W6.

14. On 13<sup>th</sup> November, I was delighted to attend and officially open Little People Sensory Garden, Willow Vale, W12.
15. On 13<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Competition, Burlington Danes School, W12.
16. On 14<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Lord Mayor Elect Outward Procession, Mansion House, EC4.
17. On 14<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Harrow's Charity Ball, Elliott Hall Harrow Art Centre, Hatch End.
18. On 16<sup>th</sup> November, I attended Cambridge School celebration evening for academic success and the official launch of 'The Virtual School', Cambridge School, W6.
19. On 16<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Army Presentation Team reception and briefing, Cadogan Hall, SW1X.
20. On 18<sup>th</sup> November, I attended H&F Schools' Children's Parliament on the environment, Council Chamber, HTH.
21. On 18<sup>th</sup> November, I was delighted to attend and part host a reception for the Members of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, Mayor's Parlour, HTH.
22. On 18<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended The Bhavan Centre's Annual Fund-raising Diwali Banquet, Millennium Mayfair Hotel - Grosvenor Square W1.
23. On 19<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Speaker of Hackney's Charity Quiz Night, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8.
24. On 20<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the GLA Pan London Citizenship Ceremony, City Hall, Queen's Walk, SE1.
25. On 20<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Mayor of Ealing's Charity Quiz Night, Ramada Jarvis Hotel, NW10.
26. On 21<sup>st</sup> November, I was delighted to attend H&F Credit Union 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration and officially launch their Saturday Openings, North End Road, SW6.
27. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, I hosted a small reception to welcome Chinese delegates, Mayor's Parlour, HTH.
28. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was delighted to present awards to winners of the London In Bloom competition, Mayor's Foyer, HTH.
29. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, I attended 'Reflecting on Japan-UK 150' reception, hosted by H.E. Japanese Ambassador and Madam Ebihara, in the presence of The Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, British Museum, WC1B.

30. On 26<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Mayor of Hounslow's Freedom of the Borough Ceremony and reception, Civic Centre, TW3.
31. On 26<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended St Clements Church 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, St Clements Church, Fulham Palace Road, SW6.
32. On 30<sup>th</sup> November, I attended the Counselling & Prayer Trust Carol Service, All Saints Church, Fulham, SW6.
33. On 1<sup>st</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Islington's Charity visit to LK Bennett, Covent Garden Piazza;
34. On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, I attended HAFFTRA Quiz Evening, Nye Bevan Hall, Aspen Gardens, W6.
35. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Lighting Up Ceremony and reception of the Oslo Christmas Tree, Trafalgar Square.
36. On 4<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was delighted to attend Vanessa Nursery School Christmas Party, Cathnor Road, W12.
37. On 7<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended West London Magistrates 'Christmas Social', House of Commons, SW1A.
38. On 8<sup>th</sup> December, I attended Larmenier and Sacred Heart School Christmas celebration, Brook Green.
39. On 8<sup>th</sup> December, I attended the Mayor of Richmond's Evening of Festive Music by the Royal Military School of Music, Clarendon Hall, York House, TW1.
40. On 9<sup>th</sup> December, I was delighted to attend and officially open North End News Post Office, North End Road, W14.
41. On 9<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended Fulham Society Annual Carol Service, Fulham Palace Chapel, Fulham Palace, SW6.
42. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, I helped 'Furnish and Family Friends' to deliver Christmas Hampers to borough residents, W6.
43. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, I attended NDC Carols by Candlelight, Normand Park, SW6.
44. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by the past Mayor, Mrs Pat Ward, I was delighted to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Astor Court, Maynard Close, SW6
45. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, I attended the Historic Building Group Committee Christmas Celebration Party, St Peters Square, W6.
46. On 11<sup>th</sup> December, I attended the Brackenbury Residents, Christmas Carols concert, Brackenbury Road, W6.



47. On 15<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended All Saints Church Carol Service, All Saints Church, SW6.
48. On 16<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of RBKC Christmas reception party, Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, W8.
49. On 18<sup>th</sup> December, I was honoured to attend and present a prize at the Olympia International Show Jumping Championships, Olympia, W14.
50. On 18<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Brent's Charity Christmas Party, Crown Moran Hotel, NW2.
51. On 20<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Community Carol Service, St Andrews Church, W14.
52. On 21<sup>st</sup> December, I was delighted to host a small reception and presentation with Cllr Frances Stainton of a soft toy to Master Sid Sanderson, from John Betts School, Mayor's Parlour, HTH.
53. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, I attended the funeral of late Mr. Alec Cottrell, St Saviours Church, W12, followed by attending Mortlake Crematorium, TW1.
54. On 25<sup>th</sup> December, I was honoured to attend with the Deputy Mayor and other senior cabinet members H&F Resident Services Pensioners' Christmas Lunch, Assembly Hall, HTH.
55. On 28<sup>th</sup> December, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the London Borough Derby match Chelsea FC vs. Fulham FC, Stamford Bridge, SW6.
56. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the New Year's Day Parade, One Whitehall Place SW1. Albert & Friends represented our borough.
57. On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the New Year's Day Concert, Westminster Cathedral, SW1;
58. On 7<sup>th</sup> January, I attended the London Government Dinner, Mansion House EC4N;
59. On 9<sup>th</sup> January, accompanied by Ms Izzie Lamport-Went and Ms Octavia Colehan, I attended The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London Fancy Dress Party, Mansion House, EC4N
60. On 12<sup>th</sup> January, I was delighted to attend Mrs Evelyn Engelback's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, 24 Swanbank Court, Willow Bank, SW6.
61. On 12<sup>th</sup> January, I visited past Mayor, William C Smith OBE, Farm Lane SW6.
62. On 13<sup>th</sup> January, I attended the British Land and Capital Kids Cricket reception, hosted by the Lord Mayor of London, Westminster City Hall, SW1.

63. On 15<sup>th</sup> January, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the performance of Dr Marigold and Mr Chops, Riverside Studios, W6.
64. On 18<sup>th</sup> January, I attended the funeral and requiem mass for the late Mr Peter Moore, Town Crier, St George's Cathedral, SE1.
65. On 18<sup>th</sup> January, I attended the 'Jack Petchey Awards' evening, Great Hall, Town Hall, W8.
66. On 21<sup>st</sup> January, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich charity tour of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich Park, SE10.
67. On 25<sup>th</sup> January, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was delighted to host a small reception and attend the performance of 'The Three Sisters' in aid of my chosen charity, Help For the Heroes; 9 other London borough Mayors' attended, Lyric Theatre, W6.
68. On 26<sup>th</sup> January, I attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony, City Hall, Queen's Walk, SE1.
69. On 27<sup>th</sup> January, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JANUARY 2010**

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Question by: Rob Easthope

To the: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment

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**QUESTION**

“Would the Council please explain the lack of gritting for pavements during the recent winter freeze, creating treacherous conditions for children walking to school and disrupting local businesses on Askew Road?”

**RESPONSE**

Thank you for your question concerning the Council’s response to the severe weather and gritting activities.

The carriageway in Askew Road was gritted at least twice a day on every occasion there has been frost, ice and snow during this winter as it is on the Council's core reliance highway network. However, the background to why the footpaths were not gritted is given below.

The problems which affected Hammersmith and Fulham have been experienced across all London boroughs and the majority of the United Kingdom. We started the winter with our salt stores full, and immediately we had the period of bad weather before Christmas we ordered more, to keep our stocks at their maximum. At that stage we were gritting all the roads and footways the Council has historically gritted. Under normal winter snow conditions we would aim to grit all roads in the borough within two days of the snow settling, following the treatment of the main roads.

With the exceptional weather we have had since early January, we started to limit the amount of gritting we were carrying out, when it became clear that the suppliers of salt used to de-ice roads and footpaths could not meet the demands being placed on them. There remain real concerns over the depletion of the stock of de-icing salt over the prolonged cold spell. The national prioritisation and reallocation of salt led to the Council deciding to reserve its current salt stock for the main priority roads and therefore we were unable to treat some footways on main roads and many side roads/ footways as we would have liked. This was not because the council was close to running out of salt but because it is unclear when further deliveries will be made and we must preserve the current stock.

The Government requested highway authorities to reduce salt usage, initially by 25% (on 8 January 2010), which was then increased to a reduction of 50% (on 11 January 2010), although the Council had already taken measures to conserve its salt prior to these dates. London already had contingency plans in place to manage such a scenario and was asked to conserve salt usage to treat only those roads which are necessary to ensure essential services and supplies can be delivered. These are to grit the very main roads and heaviest used footways and those roads adjacent to sites such as hospitals and emergency service depots and a limited number of special need schools and community centres. These areas are essential to ensure the capital is able to continue to function with managed local disruption rather than uncontrolled chaos. This may have appeared that many areas, particularly side streets and footways were neglected or forgotten about.

During the time since the 8 January 2010 the government promised London 12,000 tonnes of salt to be delivered to replenish stock. To date only half of this has arrived. The Council continues to attempt to replenish stocks, but so is the rest of the country and it will take some time to get our stocks back to the maximum level. Therefore, if bad weather returns we will return to only gritting the main road network.

The instructions to reduce salt usage by such an amount were issued to all Highway Authorities but a small number of councils decided not to adjust their winter service delivery arrangements. This is the reason that some residents may have noted that other boroughs appeared to be treating more extensive parts of their networks. Their activity has put additional pressure on the capital's salt supply and if further severe weather comes and the salt runs out then they may face the consequences of their actions.

A review of this council's and London's winter service delivery arrangements is planned. The main priority network may have some amendments, pan London, so that emergency salt allocations are distributed more equitably and the resilience road network adjusted accordingly.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JANUARY 2010**

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Question by: Jon Burden

To the: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment

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**QUESTION**

“Would the Council please explain all of the projects that will be undertaken with the £3.8million recently provided by TfL? There have been press reports about some of the projects, but I would like to know all of the projects that are being undertaken with this funding”.

**RESPONSE**

The £3.8 million Local Transport funding which Transport for London has allocated the borough for 2010/11 is broken down as follows:

**CORRIDORS: £1,246,000:**

This programme aims to improve conditions and safety and reduce congestion for all road users, including car drivers, freight vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, bus passengers and residential and business frontages. Our priorities are:

**Goldhawk Road:** £400,000 for improved crossing at Brackenbury Road/Coningham Road and a complete review of the road with a view to removing unsightly and unnecessary guardrail, reducing street clutter, reducing barrier effect and stimulating regeneration.

**North End Road:** £50,000: completion of streetscape improvements of last two years, reviewing and improving waiting and loading controls to reduce congestion while enabling deliveries to be made, improving pedestrian convenience and road safety.

**Riverwalk:** £200,000

Completion of Upper Mall enhancements, re-paving and re-signing near Putney Bridge, re-signing other sections to reduce pedestrian-cyclist conflict, installing new cycle path in Bishop's Park.

**Askew Road:** £200,000 – completion of schemes implemented in 2009/10, including de-cluttering, roadspace reallocation, footway upgrading, decluttering and improving the Askew Road/Uxbridge Road junction.

**Accident Analysis and Investigation:** £36,000. Studying incidence of personal injury accidents and decide priorities and measures to address them.

**Cycle Training;** £60,000: to train 500 children and 100 adults to give them the skills and confidence to ride on the road, reduce accidents and make them less likely to ride on the footway.

**Wayfinding for Hammersmith & Fulham Town Centres:** £150,000. Enhance the attractiveness of town centres, shops and leisure facilities, improving streetscape, decluttering and encouraging walking.

**Reserve scheme: Fulham Palace Road** – complementary measures to improvements to Fulham Palace Road/Hammersmith gyratory currently being implemented and funded by TfL through a separate stream. Measures to smooth traffic flow including the upgrading of pelican crossings to puffins.

*All the above schemes are subject to detailed design and public consultation.*

#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS: £798,000:**

Reviews of the traffic claming and management arrangements, with a “blank canvass” of measures on which local residents will be consulted. We will be looking at rat running, traffic speeds, 20mph limits accident records, school travel plans, streetscape improvements, de-cluttering, planting of street trees and provision of electric car charging points and car cub bays in the following areas:

**Wendell Park :** £270,000 (area bounded by Askew Road, Goldhawk road and western borough boundary): work will complement the review of parking controls in zone I

**Brook Green :** £199,000 (area bounded by Shepherds Bush Green, Shepherds Bush Road, Hammersmith Road and eastern borough boundary)

**South Park.:** £130,000 (area bounded by Wandsworth Bridge Road, New Kings Road, the District Line and the River Thames).

**Ravenscourt Park:** £199,000. (residential areas either side of King Street. This will complement the station access scheme and the review of parking controls in Zones L and M.

**Reserve scheme: Wormholt Park:** £159,000 (area bounded by Westway, Bloemfontein Road, Uxbridge Road and Old Oak Road.

#### **SMARTER TRAVEL: £297,000:**

Includes education and information on road safety, focussing on in-car child safety, (£10,000) Theatre in Education bringing road safety messages to schools (£10,000), teaching road safety awareness to year 6 children (£5,000), working with QPR football club to promote road safety in the “Roadwise Rangers” project (£20,000),

teaching road safety through the “Junior Citizen” scheme with the police (£10,000), support for Urban Studies Centre working with schools on their travel plans (£24,000), small grants to schools to help in their travel plans (eg cycle sheds) (£60,000), assistance to schools to produce travel plans (£40,000), Walk to School promotions (£10,000), safety training for motorcyclists (£15,000), Cyclist/HGV Danger Awareness (£15,000), drink/drug driving awareness (£10,000), workplace travel plan development with sub-regional partners (£28,000), Travel awareness – promoting healthier and greener travel modes (£30,000).

**PRINCIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE: £1,404,000.**

Resurfacing Fulham Road and Fulham High Street:£354,000

Roads 2000 Londonwide Principal Roads conditions survey: £850,000

TfL Principal Roads Network Asset management £200,000 .

*We manage these last two Londonwide schemes on behalf of TfL.*

**LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND:£100,000**

This money can be spent at the council’s discretion. We have not yet allocated it to projects.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JANUARY 2010**

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Question by: John Grigg

To the: Cabinet Member for Housing

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**QUESTION**

“At a public meeting at St Pauls Church on 5 January, David Cameron said he supported the Council's housing plans but added that you *"don't have plans to knock down estates"*. This seems at odds with information already in the public realm. Could you give me details of the information your Administration gave to Mr Cameron?”

**RESPONSE**

Mr Grigg, this is a party political question and I appreciate that we come from different political sides of the debate. This Conservative Council has a regular dialogue with David Cameron and his team and I am not going to, nor should I, give you the private details of those conversations.

What I shall say is that this Administration is proud that we shall have one of the most ambitious programmes of house building in London over the next few years.